

MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

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Guests:

Emory Garwick, Methodist Hosp, Gary
Debra Taylor, St Vincent Hospital, Indpls
Chuck Ford, Wishard Hosp, Indpls

Meeting was brought to order and opened by Chairman Ed O'Farrell at 12:05 p.m.

Ed introduced two guests, Kathy Pratt and Brian Ketzner, who were appearing on behalf of the **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** group from Indiana University. They were here to discuss autism training programs. The programs are designed to run about 1.5 hours and cover the range of behaviors that can be expected with individuals who have autism. They are to facilitate contacts between local EMS, fire, and other emergency agencies and local autism groups. The kit includes a video, hard copies of the handouts, forms for parents to get into contact groups, and a DVD that has the program on it. Kathy and Brian wish to acquire the names of contacts around the state that would bring this training to the local level. They would also like to have a contact person at the state level. Tony stated that we would schedule some instructor updates to include topics on autism. The updates will happen during March and April in various places around the State and target Primary Instructors and Training Officers.

Comments were made by Tony Pagano regarding discussions at the November EMS commission meeting. The commission approved the Education Committee taking a look at the entire educational format within EMS in Indiana. Discussion of the topic included possibly a needs assessment from the providers. There is a general feeling that there are indications of a changing knowledge base on new EMT candidates. Some training institutions have varying levels of acceptability to participate in the EMT training programs. Suggestions included having a one-hour time slot at the PI updates to discuss general needs as it pertains to EMT education. Other suggestions included an exit interview with the students. Tony will send an e-mail out to the Education Committee members asking for thoughts. Please answer and send it back. One final

suggestion by Chuck Ford was to enlist the aid of one or more professional educators and professional medical professionals to see if they could provide us with some guidance and direction.

Sam presented the proposed EMT skills sheets revisions. Those revisions were reviewed and discussed by the committee members present.

The Cardiac Arrest Skills Station on Dynamic Cardiology was presented. The committee members present reviewed the new sheets. The sheets were accepted with changes. It was suggested by Sam that part of the day involved in the PI update would allow the participants the opportunity to review and make necessary changes to these skill sheets. There are 27 skill sheets that need to be reviewed and Sam is looking for help or a way to facilitate a review in a timely fashion. We would be doing this the morning of April 16 at **9:00 a.m.** and then breaking for lunch and resuming at **1:00 p.m.** for the Education Committee meeting.

Sam presented information regarding the PI exam. There have been two meetings since our last Education committee meeting. The exam questions were reviewed at these meetings and a third meeting was conducted in December. Everyone is invited on Thursday morning, January 11, when the final revisions of the exam will be read through and the objectives would be assigned to each question. Then they will look at the objective list to see if there are holes in the listing that need to be filled to accommodate all of the objectives. The goal is to have 100 questions ready to go for the final version of the test.

Steve Garrison responded to an e-mail request that was sent out discussing Intermediates using CPAPs. The Commission does not appear to want to expand the scope of practice for the Intermediates at this time. Steve was bringing it here today to see how everyone felt about it. The general consensus is that unless the Commission adds it to the curriculum, the skill should not be added to the Intermediate program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. The next Education Committee meeting will be held on April 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.